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Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

Newly submitted claims 1-2 and 22-39 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

Originally presented claims 1-2 and 4-21 were directed to estimating component gating risk in a manufacturing process and computing a mean production plan, classified in 705/8.

Newly presented claims 1-2 (currently amended) and claims 22-39 are directed to computing expected quantities of products based on product components and then computing gating risk, classified in 705/8.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-2 (currently amended) and 22-39 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

No claims drawn to the originally presented invention were presented in the amendment of 08/27/07. Only claims drawn to a non-elected invention are presented and therefore the amendment is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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